

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-19 were rejected in the September 14, 2005 Office Action.

Claims 7, 14 and 20 were objected to in the September 14, 2005 Office Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 are amended herein

Claims 1-20 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the September 14, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 8-13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,496 to *Cho* (the “Cho reference”).

Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Cho reference discloses a method of controlling broadcast channel access in a mobile communication system by transmitting information about channel status and mobile access probability. Cho reference, Abstract and column 4, lines 41-49. There is, however, no disclosure or teaching within the Cho reference of *a channel controller capable of dedicating a forward control channel and a reverse control channel* to a mobile station for a predetermined period of time, as required by amended Claims 1 and 8. Similarly, there is no disclosure or teaching of assigning a common control channel having a forward control channel and a reverse control channel to a mobile station, wherein *said forward control channel and said reverse control channel are dedicated to said*

mobile station for a predetermined period of time, as required by amended Claim 15. Claims 1, 8 and 15 and their respective dependants are thus patentable distinguishable. Applicants therefore request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection.

In the September 14, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 7, 14 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication and have addressed the above-referenced rejection and assert that Claims 1-20 are in the condition for allowance. With respect to the Examiner's statement of allowable subject matter, Applicants will assume that the Examiner has given these claims their broadest possible construction and full range of equivalents.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at jmockler@davismunck.com.

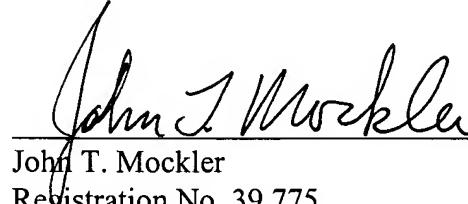
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